

TurfTalk



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Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents

Donn Dietrich welcomes MAAGCS to Maryland GCC on April 10

The April meeting of the MAAGCS will be held Tuesday, April 10th. Golf course superintendent Donn Dietrich and Maryland Golf and Country Clubs will be our host.

Maryland Golf and Country Clubs is a private 18 hole golf facility located in Bel Air, Maryland. The facility also includes 10 har-tru tennis courts, a swimming pool and restaurant facilities. Currently the club has 360 golfing members, and more than 500 total members, averaging 28,500 rounds of golf per year.

The original owner was Colonel Larry MacPhail, former part owner of the New York Yankees. In 1962 the course was bought by the members. At this time the clubhouse, tennis courts and pool were built, and Paul Haviland, our current pro, was hired. The first golf course superintendent, Ed Morse, was hired and held that position until the early seventies when Ron Hall took over. In 1985, when Ron moved on, Donn was hired as superintendent.

Maryland Golf is said to be a tough course to score well on. The course rating is 72.6 from the white markers with a slope rating of 132. It, like other older courses, is surrounded by many beautiful old trees. With the growth of Harford County, the course has also become the center of the building boom with high priced houses popping up all around the surrounding area.

Over the years many improvements to the course have been made. The automatic irrigation system was completed in 1989, the irrigation pond expanded and a new P.S.I. pumping facility installed. Currently the 10th hole, a par 5, is being played as a par 3 during the pond renovation. Hopefully, things will be back to normal by May. The club is considering other capital projects on the golf course in the near future, such as tee space expansion and up-grading the maintenance facility.

The greens are fertilized with 3 1/2 lbs. N, 1 1/2 lbs. P, and 4 lbs. K per year. The fairways and tees receive 4 lbs. N, 1 1/2 lbs. P and 3 lbs. K. The intermediate rough is fertilized with the fairways. The greens and tees are also treated spring and fall with Scott's T.G.R. This program has been in effect for two and one half years with good results. The greens are mowed six to seven times per week at 9/64", fairways are mowed at 11/16", three times per week and tees at 5/8", three times per week.

The rough is mowed once a week at 2". The fairways are also treated in the fall with progress and seeded. This program has been in effect three years. Also, in 1989, the fairways were added to the preventive spraying program with excellent results.

"I feel that the biggest assets I have at Maryland Golf are the people," says Donn. "The membership is excellent to work for and



Donn Dietrich, Superintendent at Maryland Golf & CC, will host the April 10 meeting.

the staff professional. Besides inheriting a very well-maintained golf course, I also inherited an excellent staff: Assistant Superintendent, David Boniface; Equipment Manager, Paul Hemling; Maintenance Staff, Walter Hortzell, Joe Martin, Bill Breeden and John Jubb."

Maryland Golf is looking forward to hosting the April 10th meeting. See You there.

Directions:

From I-95 North: Exit 77 to Bel Air on Route 24. Right onto Route 924 at first light. Approximately 4 miles to MacPhail Road. Right onto MacPhail Road. Approximately 3 miles down MacPhail Road on the left is the main entrance to the club.